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JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Powdered		Powdered	Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks		
1998				
October	223	228	905	1,356
November	198	205	851	1,254
December	137	137	0	274
Year-To-Date	2,206	2,469	7,654	12,329
1999				
October	152	96	701	949
November	158	173	1,047	1,378
December	259	165	890	1,314
Year-To-Date	2,354	1,981	9,850	14,185

JAPANESE FROZEN EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Frozen		Frozen	Total
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks		
1998				
October	117	256	76	449
November	184	684	260	1,127
December	186	633	0	819
1998 To-Date	1,598	8,214	3,076	12,888
1999				
October	232	1,328	232	1,792
November	238	810	257	1,305
December	219	1,452	278	1,949
1999 To-Date	2,133	10,234	3,835	16,202

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Foot and Mouth Disease in Japan and South Korea

On March 27 Japan placed a temporary ban on all beef and pork imports from South Korea due to a reported outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD). Korean officials confirmed the FMD on April 4, following test results from a British institute.

In South Korea, the Ministry of Agriculture said the outbreak was wider than initially thought. On April 6 the government ordered the closure of all livestock markets by April 30. South Korea planned to inoculate all 11 million cattle and pigs in South Korea. Prices of pork and beef dropped slightly as restaurants reported a decrease in the number of customers. In a show of confidence, the office of President Kim Dae-jung said it was adding more beef and pork to the menu of the presidential Blue House.

Japan announced the possibility of FMD in Miyazaki Prefecture, on the southern island of Kyushu, on March 25 and on April 4 it was confirmed by tests performed by an institute in Britain.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service and various sources

Proposed Organic Standards

Organic meat and poultry markets have lagged those for crops, partly because meat and poultry could not be labeled as organic until February 1999, when a provisional label was approved by USDA. Food crops and nonmeat animal foods (eggs and dairy products) are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, and have been allowed to carry an organic label throughout the 1990's. While the number of certified organic beef cows, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs declined sharply during the study period, 1992-97, the number of dairy cows and layer hens increased sharply. The market for organic meat products is beginning to grow now that organic labeling is permitted, and is starting to increase demand for certified organic feed grains. The U.S. had 537,826 certified organic layer hens in 1997, up sharply from 47,700 in 1994. California was the leader in organic poultry production, with 350,000 organic birds, followed by New York (161,304 birds) and Virginia (62,400 birds).

The proposed standards for organic include: poultry must be raised from no later than the second day of life; must be fed 100 percent organically produced feeds (but could also provide allowed vitamin and mineral supplements); animals could not be given hormones or antibiotics; the use of vaccines could be used to keep animals healthy; all organically raised animals would have to have access to the outdoors and animals could be temporarily confined only for reasons of health, safety, or to protect soil or water quality.

The public will be able to submit comments on this revised proposed rule in both written and electronic form for 90 days after its publication in the Federal Register March 13, 2000. For further information on the proposed rules, visit USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service/National Organic Program (NOP) website at www.ams.usda.gov/nop/. The official public comment period on the revised proposed rule is March 13 through June 12, 2000.

Some countries have begun to require that foods containing biotech ingredients be labeled. The EU recently adopted labeling regulations for foods and is currently drafting feed labeling regulations. Japan, Korea, Australia, and New Zealand are among other countries proposing mandatory labeling policies for bioengineered foods. Potentially widening interest in food labeling regulation could be an impetus for more farmers and grain handlers to assess their ability to segregate or begin to take steps necessary to segregate.

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

Export Enhancement Program for Frozen Poultry

On April 3, 2000 the Commodity Credit Corporation announced the acceptance of two bids from Tyson Foods, Inc., for frozen poultry to Middle East Countries. The award totaled 162 metric tons for delivery April 3 - May 31, 2000. The average bonus was \$650 per metric ton. The remaining balance is 18,599 MT out of the original total of 20,210 MT and expires on June 30, 2000.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending April 1, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	0	293	1,589	3,334
Frozen	0	0	40	6
Dried	0	0	58	147
Total	0	293	1,687	3,487

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending April 1, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	155	30	1,693	1,078
Frozen	13	0	128	82
Dried	40	0	385	10
Total	208	30	2,206	1,170

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending April 1, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	84	30	246	116
Extra Large	1,310	1,060	7,253	6,927
Large	3,020	229	32,227	22,688
Medium	1,010	950	9,367	11,351
Ungraded	5,280	6,690	22,680	61,289
Misc	750	0	3,000	900
Total	11,454	8,959	74,773	103,271

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 07-APR-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	12.25-14.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	-	12.90	15.00

224,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	11.00-14.00	-	9.50-12.50	12.00-13.50
WTD AVERAGE	11.85		10.49	13.31

2,205,200 pounds, this includes 593,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 01-APR-00 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	1,911	1,314	3,225
LAST WEEK	2,046	1,483	3,529
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,271	1,345	3,616
TO-DATE/2000	26,292	17,769	44,061
TO-DATE/1999	28,005	17,298	45,303

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	594	0	594
LAST WEEK	609	0	609
SAME WEEK YR AGO	462	4	466
TO-DATE/2000	7,131	39	7,170
TO-DATE/1999	6,324	113	6,437

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	2,505	1,314	3,819
LAST WEEK	2,655	1,483	4,138
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,733	1,349	4,082
TO-DATE/2000	33,423	17,808	51,231
TO-DATE/1999	34,329	17,411	51,740

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 07-APR-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	20.00	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	20.00		

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.50	15.00	16.00	15.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.60	15.00	16.00	15.16

777,000 pounds, this includes 40,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	13.00-13.21	13.50	11.00-12.00	12.00-20.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.11	13.50	11.32	15.77

896,000 pounds, this includes 160,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

APRIL 07, 2000

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. and 10-14 lb. rib breasts, 12-16 lb. sized rib breasts at least steady. Some buyers, however, don't see the strength that others see in the 4-8 lb. rib breasts. Rib breast demand light to fair for the light offerings. Demand light to instances good mostly fair on fresh tom breast meat, light to fair on the balance with white meat items the most active. Some sellers are anticipating continued increased activity in tom breast meat due in part to the tightness of quality breast trim and fresh destrapped tenderloins. The continued tightness of poultis are also giving some long term optimism in the breast meat market. Export trading centered on tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat at barely steady at best price levels. Discounting was noted on mixed hen and tom thigh meat.

FRIDAY, APRIL 07, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	26.12	448	26.09	608
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	312	20.00	312
TAILS	20.00		20.00	40	19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.49	488	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.50-64.00		63.17	120	63.88	480

THURSDAY, APRIL 06, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-27.00		26.12	448
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-65.00		64.50	80

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	104
TAILS	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.00-14.00		13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	280

TUESDAY, APRIL 04, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	14.11	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	66.00	40

MONDAY, APRIL 03, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	27.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.87	328
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	14.11	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	66.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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